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**Next Two Meetings: Mar 17, 2018 at 12 noon, Two Bit Cafe, 25th street
Apr. 21, 2018 at 12 noon, Two Bit Cafe, 25th street**

Meeting Notes for Feb. 17th, 2018

Treasurer absent due to illness, no report

Minutes for January appeared in the special election newsletter.

223 Report: Work on re-organizing the shop for a new painting booth continues.

Coating for the tender is still being explored. There is a company that has an industrial grade coating usually used on truck beds but this material is more flexible. May be difficult to get a discount for the material.

Steve Jones has made arrangements with Maynard to get electronic records of the 223 that he

has been archiving. Steve will back up the files on his company's computer system.

Shaun Nelson has set up an online database to record the 223 parts. We will be able to upload photos, identification marks/labels and location.

Museum staff member Tracy will be registering 223 crew members who have passcodes for the shop now that Ogden City is taking control of museum operations.

Steve Jones remarked that our relationship with Museum Director Bob Geier is working well. Bob has been coordinating the installation of new security cameras and lights that Ogden City is installing in and around the museum building and campus.

Lee Witten reported on progress with the 2019 convention plans. He is in the process of getting a contract with the Hilton Garden Inn located in downtown Ogden as our headquarters.

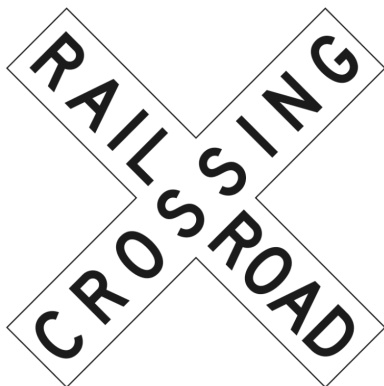
Election results: 8 chapter members voted either by email or regular USPS. The 4 officers, Steve Jones President, Lee Secrist VP, Maurice Greeson Treas., and Lee Witten Sec. were unopposed and will continue for 2018.

The three positions of Director were won by John Barrett, Joshua Perry, and Richard Carroll.

A new appointed position called **Yard Master** was created. **Shaun Nelson** has agreed to accept the job (see below). Duties will include monitoring the museum rail equipment and inspect for vandalism such as graffiti, broken windows or other damage to the equipment. He will report these findings to Bob Geier. Where possible the 223 crew will help to repair equipment as we have done in the past.

Since work on the 223 has slowed down until we can raise money to get some expensive contract shop work of large parts underway, some of the 223 crew is also helping to repair damage from vandals of museum rail equipment.

Below, Stephen Tasker, heads up a repair project on the snow plow. Vandals have tried to break into the cab of the plow by pulling away wire guards that have been screwed over the entry ways.



Hostler Festival Open House

The annual Hostler Model Railroad Festival was held March 2, 3, and 4th. The 223 shop was open to visitors during Saturday and part of Sunday. Festival visitors walked around the Union Station building to the shop area and were given tours of the project and, thanks to Lee Secrist, Slim Jolley and others, free popcorn was served with our donation bucket in plain sight!



The visitors responded with over \$180 in donations. The 223 crew felt it was worth while keeping the shop open for part of the festival.

President's message: Congratulations to the Hostlers Model Railroad Club for another successful Model Railroad Festival. Even though the weather did not cooperate on Sunday, by any measure other than pure attendance this year was enjoyed by all who attended. That certainly was evident in the number of people who ventured out to the Trainman's building for our open house. And, don't forget the free popcorn! Thanks to all of our members and volunteers who helped out.

We have several new directors in place as a result of the 2018 elections. Thank you to everyone who served in the past and congratulations to those newly elected directors. Please get as involved with the operation of the organization as you care to. It is important that you attend our monthly business meetings but your influence can go way beyond just attending meetings. In many ways the future of the Golden Spike Chapter is in your hands.

This topic was included in last month's message but it bears repeating. Fundraising and messaging are going to be more critical than ever as a number of the current activities require outside services to supplement our valuable volunteers. I've

asked a couple of our members who are very involved with social media to come up with a way of making sure that we have a unified and consistent message across our web site, Facebook page, on the various railroad forums, etc. We are working through the USRMA to find a grant to fund the boiler project. We'll need to formulate another grant request to fund the Frame, running gear, and wheelset work. In addition, we've entered into discussions with several local financial institutions to request their assistance in finding sources of matching funds for any grants that we receive.

Lee Witten is our liaison with national for the Golden Spike Chapter to host the annual members' meeting during the 150th anniversary celebration of the driving of the golden spike in 2019. He has successfully worked with national to reserve a block of rooms and meeting spaces at the Hilton Garden Inn. Please volunteer to assist Lee in any way that you can. Now is the time to start thinking about activities for the R&LHS and joint activities with the other Railroad historical organizations meeting here in Ogden.

The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society 2018 annual meeting will be held in St. Louis May 30 to June 3rd. See <http://rlhs.org/Meetings/Current/> for more details. These meetings are always very well done so please try to attend if you can.

We have resumed assisting the Utah State Railroad Museum with weekly inspections of the rail collection and helping to repair the damage done by vandals. This is a never ending task but Union Station has a new weapon to help deter vandalism and possibly capture the perpetrators in the act. The entire campus is now fitted with high resolution video cameras that can be monitored locally and remotely monitored by the Ogden Police Department. This was a huge investment in technology and it is a clear sign that positive things are happening.

Maynard has kept his promise to stay involved with the organization. He has provided me with a copy of all of the CAD drawings, documents, and contacts that he has developed over the years. This information will be invaluable as our three project teams move forward with the restoration efforts.

Our volunteer Steve Smith has been recovering in rehab after some severe medical issues. I'm sure he would appreciate phone calls or visitors. Let me know if you need his phone number.

Our mission of seeing the 223 restored to operation and being involved with all of the other restoration and railroad heritage activities here at Ogden Union Station takes both commitment and money. I ask each and every one of you to get involved with helping the Golden Spike Chapter move into the future. Become active in the organization and help keep that whistle blowin'.